


Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** September 30, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement - "Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Emergency Amendment Act of 2013"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Bill provided to Office of Revenue Analysis on September 26, 2013

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill exempts critical infrastructure<sup>1</sup> information that is intended to prevent or to mitigate an act of terrorism from disclosure under freedom of information requirements.<sup>2</sup>

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Exempting sensitive information from disclosure requirements does not have a fiscal impact.

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<sup>1</sup> Critical Infrastructure is defined in the bill as "existing and proposed systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the District of Columbia or the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such infrastructure system or asset would adversely affect the physical security, economic security, health, safety, or welfare of the public."

<sup>2</sup> Freedom of Information Act of 1976, effective March 25, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96, D. C. Official Code § 2-531 *et seq.*)